



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

RESOLUTION #4B-22-0202

**Calling on DCPS to Allocate FY 2023 Funding
to Build Swing Space in Ward 4**

Adopted February 28, 2022

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B takes note of the following:

- Truesdell is physically located within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D's boundaries (at 800 Ingraham Street, NW). The vast majority of Truesdell's current in-district school attendance boundaries, in effect since Fall 2015, are located within Single Member Districts 4B05 (a Single Member District within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's boundaries), 4D01, 4D02, 4D03, 4D04, and 4D06. Currently, the furthest distance between an in-district boundary household and Truesdell is 0.6 miles, or a 12-minute walk.
 - District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is planning on fully modernizing Truesdell Elementary School over school years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, with planning and design to be completed in school year 2022-23 and construction to be completed during school years 2023-24 and 2024-25. The fully modernized Truesdell should be reopened beginning Fall 2025.
 - DCPS currently has a limited number of buildings that are designated to be swing spaces. Due to this limitation, Truesdell's students are currently slated to be educated at the former Shaw Middle School at the Garnet-Patterson campus, located at 2001 10th Street, NW, in Ward 1, during school years 2023-24 and 2024-25. As this location is 2.5 miles from Truesdell's campus, DCPS will provide yellow school buses for transportation, including children as young as three years old.
 - During school years 2023-24 and 2024-25, the approximately 450 students enrolled at Truesdell, between Pre-Kindergarten (PK3 and PK4) and 5th Grade, will need to be educated in a swing space as the modernized Truesdell buildings are being modernized.
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- Historically, DCPS has located the swing space on the same campus of a school being modernized or within the same ward, ideally within one mile of the school campus being modernized.
- Whittier Elementary School and LaSalle-Backus Elementary School, both located within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's boundaries, will also undergo modernization in the years immediately following Truesdell's modernization and will also utilize the same swing space as Truesdell later this decade.
- DCPS has the financial resources to construct or lease new, additional swing space located within Ward 4 for Truesdell, Whittier, and LaSalle-Backus Elementary Schools, including new trailers, which could migrate from campus to campus during each individual school's modernization or one modular complex that is located within one mile from all three schools.

RESOLVED:

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B requests DCPS to include the necessary funding, likely between \$5-10 million, in Mayor Muriel Bowser's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget for DCPS Capital Improvements to construct or lease a new Ward 4 satellite swing space location to be utilized by Truesdell, Whittier, and LaSalle-Backus Elementary Schools over the next decade.
- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B requests DCPS to locate this new Ward 4 satellite swing space either on the grounds of Truesdell during its modernization (and, subsequently, on the grounds of Whittier and LaSalle Backus Elementary Schools) or at one location within one mile of each campus during the improvements.
- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the Council of the District of Columbia to include the necessary funding in its final, adopted Fiscal Year 2023 budget for DCPS Capital Improvements to construct or lease a new Ward 4 satellite swing space location to be utilized by Truesdell, Whittier, and LaSalle-Backus Elementary Schools over the next decade in the event the funding is not included within Mayor Muriel Bowser's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Alison Brooks, ANC 4B08, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of 9 members was present) on February 28, 2022, by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention.